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SUBJECT: "THIRD FORCE" LEADER'S VIEW OF CONTACT WITH GVN

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1. "THIRD FORCE" REPRESENTATIVE HO THONG MINH TELEPHONED EMBOFF JULY 19 THAT LEADERS OF THE "COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM" HAD BEEN INVITED BY TELEPHONE TO ATTEND MEETING WITH TRAN VAN AN OF THE GVN DELEGATION. MINH COMMENTED THAT IF THEY RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE INVITATION THEY WOULD ATTEND. MINH TELEPHONED AGAIN JULY 20 TO SAY THAT DESPITE A THER NEGATIVE GVN DECLARATION TO PRESS (AFP), COMMITTEE LEADERS CONSIDERED THAT MEETING WITH GVN DELEGATION AND EMBASSY MEMBERS WAS USEFUL. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS CONGENIAL, AND WHEN AN LED OFF WITH GVN POSITION THAT IT DID NOT CONSIDER THEM TO REPRESENT ANY TENDENCY, BUT WAS RECEIVING THEM MERELY IN PURSUANCE OF POLICY OF SEEING ANY SOUTH VIETNAMESE, COMMITTEE LEADERS SAID THEY DID NOT PRETEND TO HAVE MONOPOLY ON "THIRD FORCE" AND HAD PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD GVN'S POLICY OF SEEING ALL SOUTH VIETNAMESE. MINH COMMENTED THAT BEHIND THE PUBLIC POSITIONS HE THOUGHT THAT THEIR

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STRATEGY OF TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN GVN AND

PRG BY PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH BOTH MIGHT PERMIT
DEVELOPMENT OF A VALID GO-BETWEEN ROLE. ACCORDING TO
MINH, HE REQUESTED AN TO HAVE GVN ABADON ITS FORMER
POLICY OF TRYING TO DIVIDE "THIRD FORCE" GROUPS, AND TO
PERMIT THEM TO DEVELOP GREATER UNION.
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